

## Tuskegee P-51 "Lucy Gal" Can/Bottle Drive

### *About the 1941 Historical Aircraft Group Museum*

Founded in 1994, the 1941 Historical Aircraft Group Museum is dedicated to the restoration, preservation, display, and flight of aircraft of the World War II and Korean War eras, as well as the recognition of all United States Military personnel for their service and sacrifice. The museum is located at the Geneseo Airport in Geneseo, New York.

### *About the Tuskegee P-51 "Lucy Gal" Project*

(A project of the 1941 "HAG") On April 21st, 1945, the city of Rochester, NY lost a war hero. Flight Officer Leland H. Pennington, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen's 301st Fighter Squadron, was lost over Zadar, Croatia while returning to base from combat. A successful bomber escort mission over the Attnang-Puchheim Marshalling Yard in Austria was Leland's last action for the war effort. During this mission, Pennington was flying a P-51B-10 "Mustang" named "Lucy Gal," after his wife. From the ground up, we are going to build an exact-spec P-51B "Mustang" to honor our local Tuskegee hero.

### *About the Drive*

During World War II, the United States was in a crunch for raw materials to build war supplies from. This resulted in numerous efforts by the government to collect any spare metal that the citizens of the US could provide. Cans, utensils, even full vehicles were collected by groups, such as the boy scouts, and turned over to factories for use in all sorts machines for battle. Now, 66 years after the end of the Second World War, we are bringing this program back into action! If you donate your empty 5 cent redeemable cans and bottles to the 1941 "HAG," we will exchanged them. From the money made in turning the recyclables in, we will in turn purchase the necessary materials to build our P-51 Mustang from the ground-up.

### *When and Where*

**Date** : Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 2011

**Location** : 1941 Historical Aircraft Group (Geneseo Airport), 3489 Big Tree Lane Geneseo, NY 14454

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